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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 23, 2003, and the telephonic interview with Examiner Saunders held on October 3, 2003. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, extending the date for response up to and including October 23, 2003, are enclosed. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Please charge any required fees that are not enclosed with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.